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## **Ambassador Wayne Discusses Educational Exchanges with Secretary of Education Emilio Chuayffet**

MEXICO CITY, December 10, 2012 -- U.S. Ambassador Anthony Wayne met with recently sworn-in Secretary of Education Emilio Chuayffet Chemor to discuss how the U.S. and Mexico can strengthen collaboration on education initiatives such as the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Initiative, Jóvenes en Acción, English-teaching programs, and USAID programs SEED and Cisco.

"I appreciate Secretary Chuayffet's enthusiasm for building a robust collaboration on education," Ambassador Wayne said. "Education is critical to mutual understanding and to confronting our shared challenges, and we have long cooperated with the Government of Mexico on student advising, student placement, financial assistance, and timely access to visa services. We are ready to welcome more Mexican students to the United States and to encourage U.S. students to study in Mexico."

In the meeting, Public Education Secretary Chuayffet indicated that the education reform initiative presented by President Enrique Peña Nieto focuses on elevating the National Institute of Education Evaluation (INEE) to constitutional rank and granting it complete autonomy; increasing the number of full-time schools that provide students with food, art classes, sports and civics instruction, et al; and carrying out a census of teachers, students and schools at all educational levels.

Ambassador Wayne and Secretary Chuayffet reviewed President Obama's 100,000 Strong in the Americas Initiative and discussed ways to increase the number of students from both countries who take advantage of educational exchange opportunities on either side of the border. They discussed the annex to the Education MOU signed last month between the U.S. and Mexico Secretaries of Education, and its benefit to Mexican students by easing paperwork requirements for students who have studied in the United States and are returning home. Ambassador Wayne and Secretary Chuayffet explained the importance of collaborating to significantly expand and improve the quality of English teaching in Mexico.

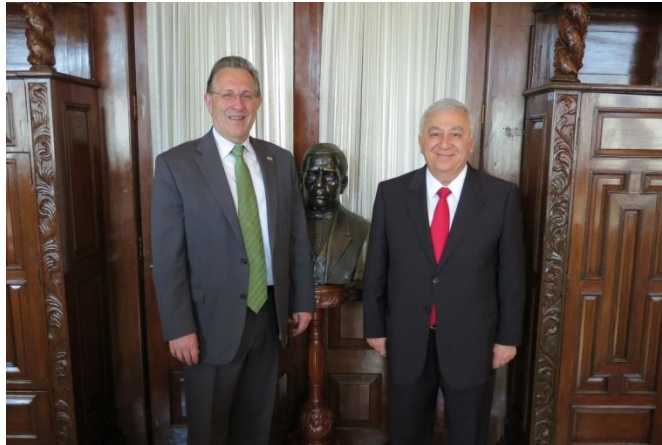
Ambassador Wayne emphasized that in 2012, the U.S. Embassy and the Secretariat of Education collaborated on numerous educational exchange programs, for example, 71 Fulbright-Garcia Robles Scholars travelled for study in the U.S.; 77 "Jovenes en Accion" participants spent 5 weeks in the U.S. this summer, developing leadership, team building and English skills; and 120 SEP English teachers training in the U.S. during the summer.

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“Together we are preparing new leaders who will strengthen the relationship between our two countries, and I’d like to thank you for SEP’s support,” Ambassador Wayne said.



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